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ROME FOR FODAG

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SUBJECT: FAO 1980/81 BUDGET: GENEVA GROUP ROME POSITION

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1. REF A, WHICH WAS DELAYED REACHING US, REPORTS THAT WITH FRENCH AND GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES BEING ABSENT, THE ROME GENEVA GROUP AGREED, AD REFERENDUM TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS, THAT A REAL GROWTH PERCENTAGE LIMIT OF 2 PERCENT PER ANNUM APPLIED TO A BASE OF \$210 MILLION WOULD BE THE MOST PRACTICAL BASIS FOR ROME GG AGREEMENT AND A FURTHER APPROACH TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE DG. ONLY THE DUTCH ACTING REPRESENTATIVE WAS UNABLE TO AGREE.

2. WHILE THE UNITED STATES IS NOT YET WILLING TO AGREE TO \$210 MILLION BASE FOR FAO, WE DO BELIEVE THAT THE WHO PRECEDENT OF DIALOGUE AMONG THE GG AND WITH THE WHO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHICH LED TO AGREEMENT ON UP TO A

2 PERCENT REAL PROGRAM GROWTH PER ANNUM FOR WHO, IS A VALUABLE TOOL THROUGH WHICH WE MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN MORE RATIONAL INCREASES IN OVERALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BUDGETS. WE WOULD NOT WANT DUTCH DISAGREEMENT WITH THIS PROCEDURE TO ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR EFFORTS IN FAO.

3. IF DUTCH ARE INDEED TAKING A TOUGHER LINE ON BUDGETS, AS REPORTED REF B, WE HOPE THEY WILL NOT ALLOW THEIR PREFERENCE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE DEVICE TO WEAKEN WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN OBTAINABLE UNANIMOUS GG AGREEMENT IN ROME.

4. WHILE DUTCH PREFERENCE FOR PROGRAM AND BUDGET CONTROL THROUGH CAREFULLY DEFINED MEDIUM TERM PLANS HAS MERIT AND SHOULD BE PURSUED, SUCH PLANS HAVE NOT BEEN EFFECTIVE IN FAO TO DATE. IN OUR VIEW THE DUTCH WOULD HAVE A CONSIDERABLY GREATER CHANCE OF SUCCESS IN OBTAINING AN EFFECTIVE MEDIUM TERM PLAN IF A REAL GROWTH PERCENTAGE COULD FIRST BE NEGOTIATED. LATTER PROCESS WILL REQUIRE CLOSE ANALYSIS OF BASE ACTIVITIES. THE IDENTIFICATION OF NONRECURRING OR OBSOLETE ITEMS AND REQUIREMENT FOR SOUND JUSTIFICATION OF NEW ACTIVITIES, WITH A TIME FRAME FOR COMPLETION IF POSSIBLE, COULD CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO EVENTUALLY OBTAINING MEDIUM TERM PLANS WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL TO GOVERNMENTS AND SECRETARIATS.

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5. FOR THE HAGUE. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE GON OFFICIALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN GREATER DUTCH SUPPORT FOR ROME GG EFFORTS. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION WHATSOEVER TO A SOUND MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR FAO AND WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DUTCH IN TRYING TO ACHIEVE ONE.

6. FOR ROME. PLEASE CABLE FULL TEXT OF GG FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT. \$210 MILLION BASE, SUGGESTED PARA 3 REF A, REQUIRES SERIOUS STUDY. WITH INCREASES EXPECTED FROM WCAARD, AND FOR NUTRITION, REGIONAL AND COUNTRY OFFICES AMONG OTHERS, BELIEVE GG AUGUST 10 MEETING SHOULD ALSO FOCUS ON DETERMINING (A) FULLEST EXTENT OF NONRECURRING AND/OR OBSOLETE ITEMS AND (B) IDENTIFICATION OF NEW OR EXPANDED ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO THOSE CITED ABOVE. A CLEAR INDICATION OF WHAT THESE AND LIKELY INFLATIONARY COSTS ARE APT TO BE WILL ASSIST GOVERNMENTS IN DETERMINING WHETHER \$210 MILLION BASE CAN BE SUPPORTED. CHRISTOPHER

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